

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FACT SHEET

Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Bureau of Substance Abuse Services

This fact sheet contains information about the impact of alcohol and other drug use in the Fourth Barnstable Representative District. Admission data were reported to the Bureau of Substance Abuse Services (BSAS) Substance Abuse Management Information System in FY 2003.

Residents of Fourth Barnstable Representative District

Characteristics of Admissions

In FY 2003, there were 115,896 admissions to licensed substance abuse treatment services in all of Massachusetts; 0.6% (716) of these admissions reside in the Fourth Barnstable Representative District. 5% (39) of admissions from the Fourth Barnstable Representative District were under 17 years of age. **Please note that these statistics represent only individual admissions, and represent a figure lower than the actual number of constituents in need of treatment services.** In FY 2003, admissions to all residential and outpatient substance abuse treatment services from the Fourth Barnstable Representative District reported the following characteristics:

- 70% were male and 30% were female.
- 54% were between the ages of 30-49.
- 93% were white non-Latino, 2% were black non-Latino, 3% were Latino, and 2% were other racial categories.
- 58% were never married, 16% were married, and 26% reported not to be married now.
- 20% had less than high school education, 41% completed high school, and 39% had more than high school education.
- 46% were employed.
- 3% were homeless.
- 43% had prior mental health treatment.

Primary Substance of Use

At admission clients also identify a "primary drug" of use that is the substance for which the client is seeking treatment. Table 1 compares the proportional distribution of primary drugs in Massachusetts with that for the Fourth Barnstable Representative District.

Table 1					
Primary Drug by District and State FY 2003					
	Alcohol	Heroin	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack
District	64%	13%	9%	3%	1%
State	43%	38%	6%	4%	4%

Substances Used in Past Year

Upon entering treatment, each client is asked to report ALL substances used in the past year (12 months) prior to admission. Admissions frequently report using more than one substance within the year. The use of more than one psychoactive substance, such as alcohol and marijuana, is referred to as 'polydrug' or 'polysubstance' use.

Table 2 shows ALL substances which clients reported using in the year prior to admission, as well as the prevalence of injection drug users (or IDU's) are individuals who use a needle to ingest cocaine, crack, heroin or another drug to get high.

Table 2 Annual Admissions by Substance Used FY 1995 – FY 2003 Fourth Barnstable Representative District							
	Total	Alcohol	Marijuana	Cocaine	Crack	Heroin	IDU
FY '95	543	485	151	103	30	118	93
FY '96	478	440	162	89	35	72	51
FY '97	497	423	170	94	30	71	50
FY '98	626	540	186	91	40	107	67
FY '99	634	558	183	105	32	115	79
FY '00	570	481	179	83	26	104	84
FY '01	652	530	220	133	43	184	128
FY '02	714	612	258	132	41	158	109
FY '03	716	601	233	143	46	123	95